

DECLARATION OF COOPERATION

Entered into by the

GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

with the

GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF SONORA
THROUGH THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

to establish a
BI-NATIONAL PROTOCOL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS
Escudo del Estado de Sonora, México

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A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND THE CHIEFS OF POLICE OF THE CITIES OF NOGALES, DOUGLAS AND SAN LUIS, ARIZONA, WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF SONORA, THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE CITIES OF NOGALES, AGUA PRIETA AND SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO, TO ESTABLISH A PROTOCOL FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE STATES OF ARIZONA AND SONORA.

- **WHEREAS**, the States of Arizona and Sonora form a single region that transcends an international boundary; and
- **WHEREAS**, the development of bi-national public safety programs benefit both states in responding to disasters and combating crime; and
- **WHEREAS**, this partnership, made possible by a history of trust and achievement, empowers both states to develop and execute collaborative projects with the active involvement of law enforcement agencies from both states; and
- **WHEREAS**, experience has proven that the exchange of information, methods and expertise, as well as the coordinated implementation of strategies in combating crime and responding to disasters strengthen both states; and
- **WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona and the State of Sonora will recognize the Cities of Nogales, Arizona, Nogales, Sonora, San Luis, Arizona and San Luis, Sonora, Douglas, Arizona and Agua Prieta, Sonora, and the points of contacts for the Centros de Control, Comando, Comunicacion y Computo C-4 communication centers; and
- **WHEREAS**, Arizona and Sonora enter into this Cooperative Agreement to formalize existing efforts, and prepare the future for new mechanisms of collaboration;

THEREFORE, THE STATES OF ARIZONA AND SONORA PLEDGE THE FOLLOWING TO ENHANCE THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TWO STATES:

- I.** To establish a Cross Border Communications Committee to include the chiefs of police or their designees from the following cities in Arizona;
Nogales, Douglas, and San Luis.

From the following cities in Sonora;
San Luis, Nogales, and Agua Prieta.

The Committee will be lead by the Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety or his designee, the Executive Secretary of the Sonora Department of Public Safety or his designee, and the Executive Director of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission or his designee.

II. The Committee shall:

- Institutionalize border-wide, the protocol of the C4 radio system, based on the San Luis model.
- Develop a plan of action to address border crimes, identified using the C4 radio system. This will include standardizing documentation, investigation procedures, resolution of violations, and reporting of outcomes.
- Meet quarterly to assess the established protocol and improve the system.
- Conduct cross-training exercises to promote a stronger partnership and collaboration to increase security and safety in the border region.
- The State of Arizona and State of Sonora will track progress and maintain statistics of the above-mentioned program in order to identify challenges and opportunities to further secure the region. Once designed, these statistics will be submitted to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission on a weekly basis for analysis.

- III.** The State of Arizona and State of Sonora will continue to share resources and promote strategic partnerships that will improve the response to disasters and combating crime in the region.

This Cooperative Agreement is signed this ____ day of November, 2006 in the framework of the Plenary Session of the Arizona-Mexico Commission and the Comisión Sonora-Arizona, celebrated in the City of Puerto Peñasco, Sonora.

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